

of by the unrelenting impulse of natural regret, or a cool calculation of how many foreign dollars would come in at the approaching New Year's festival. We only know that as soon as this festival was over, the other day, the Mayor and Capt. Crowl, who had been prepared to give the ladies a grand entertainment, refused to do anything till the festive influence had passed. And in order that every opportunity should be afforded to the native authorities to fully investigate the case, the ladies have been allowed to remain on board the yacht.

In this connection we may mention that a gentleman who has just returned from upcountry, states that New Year's morning, two Chinese servants on board the houseboat which they themselves with the funerals of a Chinese, and were discovered just in time to prevent a fatal result. The cooling of icy cold water in their faces gradually restored them to consciousness.

Within the past three years two other fatal casualties have arisen from the same cause. Does it lie with the Municipal Council or with the "paternal government" to leave the Chinese as to the quality of the water in the harbor?

HANKOW.
(N. C. Daily News.)
About a week ago we had a very heavy fall of snow, and once it came we had had intense frost. Two or three times the last week the thermometer went as low as 9 degrees Fahrenheit. Our Chinese acquaintances, however, were not at all alarmed, and all our houses were stocked. Our second theatrical performance came off last night, very successfully. The pieces were "Retained for the Defence," and the very latest edition of "The Lady of Lyons."

PEKING.
(N. C. Daily News.)
The weather was very much improved for Shing, but it was not much improved for the British, and we know that at Shing, up to the 20th instant, the river of the British settlement had no ice, and boats were plying on it as in summer.

During the night of the 21st and morning of the 22nd instant, the winter solstice took place, and in accordance with Chinese custom, the Emperor on the 22nd, and the Empress on the 23rd, went to the Temple of Heaven to worship. Early on the morning of the 22nd he returned to his palace. Both the going and coming took place in the dark, and when the streets were quiet, the people, so far as they were concerned, were not at all disturbed. The Emperor, in the morning, went to the Temple in the night.

At the same time, the leading Ministers of State, and the other officials, were at the Temple to witness the ceremony. The Emperor, in the morning, went to the Temple in the night.

The festivities of the season began this evening, the day being Christmas, and we may presume that, throughout the foreign community in the Capital, pleasure and not business will be the ruling occupation during the next few days. We can have no more of our Christmas night, and our Christmas, therefore, mainly consist in what can be done at home, in the way of feasting and merriment.

TONKIN.
The Saigon Independent, of the 5th instant, brought on by the steamer Nansha, has the following interesting news from Tonkin.

It is stated that a large number of Chinese have been captured in an ambush, and many of them have been killed. The cause of this hostility is unknown, but it is attributed to some kind of Chinese robbery who have for some years past been robbing the Chinese in the neighborhood of the city.

CHIEF OF POLICE.
(Correspondence of the Courier.)
It becomes my duty to inform you of a grave disturbance between the Chinese and foreigners, which has taken place in a district about 300 miles from the city of Peking.

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of safety. On this, the Rev. Mr. Corbett, with characteristic pluck and self-assertion, started off to his assistance with a small party of men, and the Chinese, who were in the majority, were very much provoked.

Another messenger dispatched with the mail letters, Christmas presents, &c., on hearing these startling rumours, left his post at once, and the Chinese, who were in the majority, were very much provoked.

On Mr. Corbett's arrival at Tsin-pi (the place where Mr. Corbett had been), he found that the Chinese, who were in the majority, were very much provoked.

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Post-Office Notifications

Per Saigon, Amoy, Tamsui, and Yankong—**F. W. MITCHELL**, Postmaster General.
Hongkong, 10-day, the 22nd instant, at 7.30 A.M.

For Dundee and Sydney—**Per Tokelau**, the 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.
For Melbourne and Sydney—**Per Gloucester**, the 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.
For London, Singapore, Hongkong, and Calcutta—**Per Indian Mail Packet Regulator**, to-day, the 22nd instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET"
 The English Continent Packet "**TOM-BARTON**" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 22d January, at noon.
 Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices of the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 21st instant.
 The Post-Office will be open until 6 P.M. on the 21st instant.
 Letters may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.
 Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant.
 Letters may be sent until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant, without late fee.
 Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant will not be forwarded unless the Letter Fee of 15 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.
 The latest time for posting Letters at the General Post Office, Hongkong, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant, addressed to the United Kingdom only, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindley, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, on payment of a Letter Fee of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 13th January, 1874.**

MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET"
 The French Mail Packet "**AMAZON**" will be dispatched on **THURSDAY**, the 22nd instant, at noon.
 To and through the United Kingdom of Great Britain, to France and other Continents of the World (in a closed mail to France), to Singapore, Canton, Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, and San Francisco, to New Zealand, to Australia, to the United Kingdom via Brindley, and to Alexandria, at the following rates:
 The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant, after which no Letters can be received.
 Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 22nd instant.
 Letters for Registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 17th January, 1874.**

It is hereby notified that arrangements have been concluded, under which correspondence addressed to Austria, and the several States of the Continent, may henceforward be transmitted by means of the British Mail Packets between this Office and the Austrian Post-Offices at Trieste and Alexandria, at the following Rates of Postage, viz:

FOR LETTERS.

To	Austria, Germany, and Turkey.....	22
	Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, and Russia.....	24
	Sardinia, Sicily, and Tunis.....	26
	Norway, Sweden, and Russia.....	28
	Danish, Prussian, and Russian Ports Current.....	30
	(Austria, Germany, Turkey, Belgium, Switzerland, Moldavia, Wallachia, and Servia).....	32
	Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Russia.....	34
	For Book Packages and Packets of Papers.....	40

FOR EACH COUNTRY.

To	(Austria, Germany, and Turkey).....	10
	Belgium, Switzerland, and Austria.....	12
	Denmark, Holland, Germany, and Russia.....	14

Letters may be registered to the above named places for a fee of twelve cents each in addition to the postage.
 The postage and registration fee on Registered Letters must be prepaid.
 The prepayment of the postage on ordinary letters is compulsory.
 The employment of the postage on Newspapers, other printed papers, and packets patterns, is compulsory.
 Correspondence intended to be forwarded this route must be accompanied by a Triestine Receipt.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1874.**

It is hereby notified that henceforward the postage on Letters addressed to Denmark, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 28 cents per quarter optional. Upon Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.**

It is hereby notified that the postage chargeable upon Paid Letters addressed to France via Southampton, will be 28 cents per quarter optional, when forwarded by French Mail Packet, at 15 cents per quarter when forwarded by British Mail Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1871.**

It is hereby notified that the rates of postage chargeable hereon for Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, and to places beyond the United Kingdom, when forwarded by French Mail Packet, will be the same as those charged for Letters forwarded by British Packet via Brindley.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 30th April, 1872.**

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage (which must be paid in advance) upon letters addressed to France, Belgium, and Switzerland, will henceforward be as follows, viz.—

When forwarded via	Brindley.....	42 cents each half-ounce
When forwarded via	Southern Port.....	36 cents each half-ounce
When forwarded via	Southern Port.....	28 cents each half-ounce

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 28th July, 1870.**

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed to France may be sent either paid or unpaid at the option of the sender; but the postage Prices Current, Newspapers and Books cannot be prepaid.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

The rate of postage chargeable on Letters addressed to France per
 French Packet 12 cent
 Per British Packet when marked via Brindley 19
 Per British Packet when marked via Alexandria and Marseilles 12

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.**

It is hereby notified that a line of British Mail Contract Packets has been established between Aden and Zanzibar, which, with connecting lines, will afford a regular means of communication by correspondence from Hongkong to the former ports on the East African Coast, as well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, St. Helena, and Ascension; and thence henceforward the postage which must be paid in advance, on letters sent to the said ports, shall be 20 cents per letter, and 20 cents per newspaper 2 cents each.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

**General Post-Office,
 Hong Kong, 12th May, 1873.**

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